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TO PURCHASE A-300S.

PIA HAS CONFIRMED THE FOLLOWING REPORT IN THE LOCAL
PRESS (BUSINESS RECORDER) OF JULY 17, 1978:
QUOTE: PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES HAS INITIALLED
A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR AIRBUS A300S AND
HAS TAKEN OPTION FOR SIX MORE AIRCRAFT, A PIA PRESS
RELEASE SAID YESTERDAY.

THE CONTRACT WAS INITIALLED IN KARACHI YESTERDAY BY
PIA'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENVER JAMALL, AND THE
AIRBUS INDUSTRIES SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT COMMERCIAL,
DAN KROOK. THE CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE
RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

THE FIRST 3 AIRBUS AIRCRAFT OF THE EXTENDED RANGE
VERSION A300B4-200, WITH 165 TONNES MAXIMUM TAKE-OFF
WEIGHT WILL BE DELIVERED IN MARCH 1980 FOR
OPERATIONS ON PIA'S HIGH-DENSITY DOMESTIC AND
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REGIONAL ROUTES AND WILL REPLACE BOEING 707 AND
720B AIRCRAFTS.

THE DELIVERY OF THE FOURTH AIRCRAFT IS EXPECTED
IN SEPT. 1980. PIA'S A300S WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH
251 SEATS, 20 IN FIRST-CLASS AND 231 IN ECONOMY-
CLASS. THE A300B4-200 IS THE LATEST OF WIDE-BODY
AIRCRAFT AND HAS PROVEN HIGH TECHNICAL RELIABILITY.

THE TWIN-ENGINED A300, IN ITS LONG-RANGE VERSION
B4-200, HAS BEEN CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR PIA'S
GROWING HIGH-DENSITY DOMESTIC, REGIONAL AND
MULTI-STOP INTERNATIONAL ROUTES. SUBSTANTIAL
FUEL AND OPERATING COST SAVINGS ARE EXPECTED
FROM THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS NEW AIRCRAFT WHICH
IS EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST VERSION OF GENERAL
ELECTRIC ENGINES CF6-5002 WITH 52,500 LB THRUST
EACH. END QUOTE.
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